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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Revival We Need!

Revival Is the Only Hope to Stem the Tide of Moral Decay in America Today

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

Anyone who travels at all today or simply reads the daily newspaper can see the awful wave of lawlessness and moral decay on every hand. There never has been an hour of greater sin and lawlessness than today in America. Our nation is going to Hell at an alarming rate, and revival is our only hope.

America is in more danger today from moral decay than from communism. Russia is an ever-present threat, but actually I fear far more the awful tide of lawlessness and sin which is engulfing America. In Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, he tells us that it was decay from within that killed the Roman Empire, not the enemy from without. This is exactly what is happening to America today. Arnold Toynbee, a famous secular historian, claims that sixteen of the nineteen civilizations our world has seen—sixteen of those nineteen were destroyed by moral decay from within—not from an outside enemy.

America's Alarming Sins

In America today our annual liquor bill runs over 10½ billion dollars—more than we spend for religion and education combined. Beverage alcohol is robbing our brains. Today we have six to eight million alcoholics in our land. One of the industry's greatest problems is alcoholism among its top executives. Yet alcoholism is increasing at an alarming rate and no one seems to care much. In the past week I have sat with broken heart listening to the pitiful confessions of drunkards who have been made weak and helpless by the bottle. It is an awful thing to listen to the sad testimony of a man whose will has been completely broken by alcohol.

Filthy literature today is a fifteen million dollar industry in America. A deliberate commercial attempt is being made to corrupt the moral lives of our young people by dealers in pornography. Lewd magazines and pictures are peddled to our school children. Even what is regarded as the very best of the fiction coming from the pen of American writers today is filled with smut and lewdness.

Dirty magazines like *True Story*, *Confidential*, *Playboy* and a host of others sell like hot cakes at the corner newsstand. The November 1959 issue of *Progress Magazine* reports:

"The availability of obscene and lascivious literature and pictures certainly contributes to sex delinquency. What would you expect to happen to the teen-age boy who feasts his eyes on pictures of half-clad or unclad damsels and then goes parking with his high school sweetheart?"

God help our young people in these awful days!

And the dirty Hollywood moving pictures are contributing their share to the breakdown of American moral standards. A few months ago the newspapers were full of the story of Errol Flynn's death. At the time of his death this movie hero was chasing around the country unashamedly with a teen-age girl. And yet American news makes an idol of such a man!

A Russian visitor, after seeing the parade of filth on movie screens and the open immorality all over America, said that the



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symbol of America was the nude woman. Even Louella Parsons, the Hollywood movie reporter and columnist, deplored the filming of Irving Wallace's "Chapman Report" in these words:

"To me sex habits of women (Continued on page 5)

R. A. Torrey's Teaching on Baptism of the Holy Spirit

By Dr. Peter F. Wall
38940 - 11th Street W., Palmdale, California

Reuben Archer Torrey was born on January 28, 1856, in Hoboken, New Jersey. This Holy Spirit-filled man and his messages have been the channel of untold blessings to millions. Although he departed to be with the Lord over thirty-two years ago, in 1928, it can truthfully be said of him, "He being dead yet speaketh." I had the blessed privilege of "sitting at the feet" of this great Bible teacher for two years as a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to God for the influence of Dr. Torrey on my formative years as a young student and in the ministry of the Gospel.

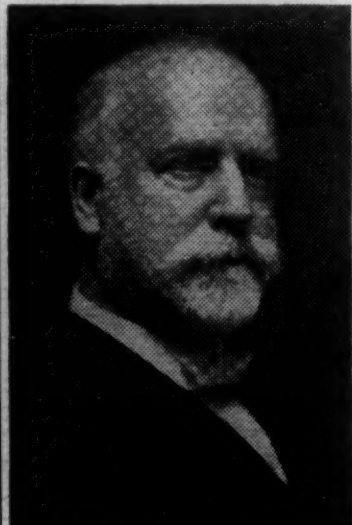
Great Books By Dr. Torrey

He has left his "footprints on the sands of time" in two great institutions, the Moody Bible Institute and the Los Angeles Bible Institute. His writings were scholarly and packed with Scripture. It would be difficult to select three of the best from the many volumes of his publications. However, if I may be presumptuous, I would say that in my humble opinion they are: *The Person and Work of The Holy Spirit*, *How to Bring Men to Christ*, and *What the Bible Teaches*. Another great work which is seldom mentioned in connection with Dr. Torrey's ministry is the editing of *The Fundamentals* as Executive Secretary of the Testimony Publishing Company. Over 300,000 of these sets were sent to ministers and missionaries. These volumes have been used of God as a bulwark against the tide of Higher Criticism, Modern-

ism and the recent sweep of Neo-orthodoxy.

Not too many years ago when I was doing graduate work in one of our very liberal theological schools in California, we were studying the various religious trends in America—from the Colonial days to the present time. To my great amazement when we came to the study of Fundamentalism we were directed to the 12 volumes of *The Fundamentals* as the origin of Fundamentalism. Dr. Torrey was portrayed as one of the original speakers for this movement. In doing this these lib-

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Dr. R. A. Torrey

DANGEROUS TRIPLETS

1. Russian Communism
2. New-Deal Socialism
3. Bible-Denying Modernism

How They Are Alike

By Dr. John R. Rice, Editor

(Sermon preached at Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 27, 1954. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

I am reading tonight from Matthew, chapter 7, beginning with verse 15:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

You say, "Why all this shouting about modernism?" That is what the Lord said do. He said that false prophets will come who will deceive the people. They will pretend to be sheep, but they are really wolves. So He warned:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits."

One cannot tell a Christian by his fruits because the first fruit, the main fruit of a Christian, is inside, and only God can see the heart. But you can tell a false

prophet by his fruit, which is his prophecy—that which he teaches. You can tell a false teacher, and you have a right to judge a false teacher by his fruits, his teaching, the Bible says.

Now begin reading with verse 16:

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

There is a book by Nels F. S. Ferre, *Christianity and Society*. Now any intelligent man can read that and judge Ferre by his fruits. He is an infidel. He denies every fundamental of the Christian doctrine. He is a lost sinner. He is of the stripe of Tom Payne, Bob Ingersoll, Voltaire. I can judge him by his fruits. Now I do not know motives and other things of the heart that are not revealed, but when I see a man's fruit, I can judge him if he is a prophet. When he is a prophet, I can judge him by his prophecy, whether he is God's prophet or a false prophet.

"Do men gather grapes of

thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them"—Vss. 16-20.

Turn to II Peter, chapter 2,

where the same theme is taught:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily [deceitfully—you will have to watch. They will appear to be sheep, but they are wolves. They will appear to be true preachers, but they are not. They will claim to be angels of light, but they are messengers of darkness.] shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

You ask, "Why do you watch (Continued on page 6)

The Death of Christ

By Rev. James H. Brooke, D.D.

(From 1864-1897 STRONG PASTOR OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN ST. LOUIS, ARDENT DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, FRIEND OF D. L. MOODY.)

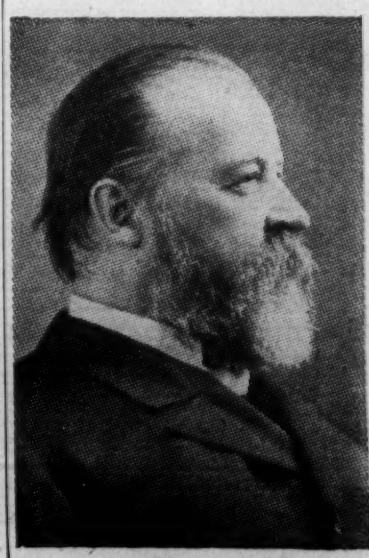
"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand."—I Cor. 15:1.

The importance of this verse cannot be overstated, because the inspired apostle announces his purpose to define the gospel, the glad tidings, the joyful message, which he preached. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3, 4). This he delivered unto them first of all, not simply in reference to time, but as the principal thing, or, in the words of Dr. Candlish, as "always in the van and forefront of all his teaching."

Such is the gospel according to the Holy Spirit's own explanation, and the articles of the creed He presents are so few and simple a child may readily understand and remember them. Christ died for our sins; He was buried; He rose again. But few and simple as they are, they constitute the gospel, the good news to be proclaimed to a lost world. Without these there may be beautiful diction, impressive elocution, profound discussion, but no gospel is preached unless the preacher makes it known that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried under their weight, that He rose again, leaving them behind Him, as it were, in His open grave.

Those who substitute anything in place of this gospel are bringing upon themselves a terrible doom. "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other

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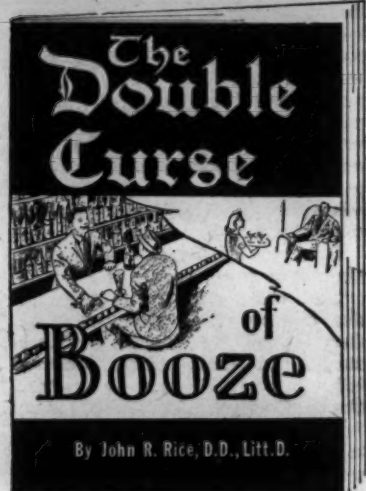
Letter Month Suggestions

By the Editor

It will pay you, I think, to read these suggestions suggesting how you may get the most blessing out of our "Letter Month." We want a flood of letters during May. We are anxious for our friends to tell of blessings received through THE SWORD OF THE LORD; of young men who are entering the ministry; of young people who through THE SWORD OF THE LORD were led to go off to a Christian college or Bible school or university; of souls saved; of families who started family altars; of Christians who learned to win souls. Please write to us and encourage us during "Letter Month." And here are our suggestions.

I. Write for Free Copy of Pamphlet, "The Double Curse of Booze"

Yes, we have prepared this pamphlet with the strong message on liquor, taken down word-for-word as given in great revival campaigns, have put it in twenty-four large pages with beautiful colored pictured cover. And we are reserving a copy for you, sent absolutely free on request. Do not



ask for more than one free. Others may be purchased at 25c a copy. It will do great good for thousands of you to get this pamphlet and pass it among your friends. Surely some will be converted. Some will turn from a life of drink to a life of sobriety and good character.

Get yours free! Free, whether you send an order or a subscription or a gift. Free if you write a letter and request it now during "Letter Month."

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Now here are some suggestions.

1. Why not send five six month introductory subscriptions for new subscribers to THE SWORD at \$1.00 each! And besides sending THE SWORD to many friends and relatives, you may have free the poem book, *Apples of Gold*, and then you may have free also by asking for it the pamphlet on *The Double Curse of Booze*.

Or better yet, why not send a total of \$10 and include your own subscription for a year or two?

2. Or you might buy thirty of the 25c pamphlet library for only \$5.00 (plus 5% for postage and packing). Or you may order the whole fifty-five in the series announced in last week's SWORD for only \$7.50 (plus 5% for postage and packing). And, of course, you get free the beautiful book of poems, *Apples of Gold*, with your order and you may ask also for *The Double Curse of Booze* free.

3. Why not order four hundred copies of the beautiful new pink paper, maroon ink edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" This twenty-four-page pamphlet, printed by the millions in some twenty-eight or twenty-nine languages, has resulted in thousands of people writing to tell us that

they found Christ. It is now in a beautiful new edition. Ordinarily it sells for \$2.00 a hundred, plus postage. Now during "Letter Month" we hope you will stock up, and you may have it at only \$1.50 per hundred postpaid. Why not order four hundred copies for \$6.00 postpaid, and at the same time ask for the free copy of *Apples of Gold* which you may have with any \$5.00 order or more and ask also for the pamphlet, *The Double Curse of Booze*.

4. Another suggestion. We have an odd lot of some of the books in paper binding and books otherwise specially secured for our recent sale. Here are some wonderful bargains. You may have a copy of *Prayer*, 328 pages, 21 chapters, paper binding, for only \$1.00; *What It Costs to Be a Good Christian*, 223 pages, paper binding, for only \$1.00; *By My Spirit*, a wonderful book on revival by the famous missionary Jonathan Goforth, paper binding, only \$1.00. You may have my book, *We Can Have Revival Now*, clothbound, \$2.00 value for \$1.00. And the beautiful book, *The Soul-Winner's Fire* in cloth binding, 114 pages, \$1.50 value for \$1.00. Dr. W. B. Riley's book, *The Preacher and His Preaching*, \$2.00 value, clothbound for \$1.00. Pick out five of these or more and with the \$5.00 order you may have absolutely free the beautiful book of poems, *Apples of Gold*, 153 beautiful Christian poems (add postage for the books you order) and, of course, you may have free for asking for it the pamphlet, *The Double Curse of Booze*.

III. Why Not Just Write Us a Letter, a Brotherly, Christian Letter of Gratitude and Fellowship?

If is all right for you to take advantage of our remarkable offers and sales. We want to get out the Gospel. We want you to have the literature and give it to others and be blessed and bless others. And we want subscriptions sent for other people. But don't you think it would be proper, right, and fitting for a good Christian just to write a letter, a brotherly, Christian letter, to us as Christian brethren? Wouldn't it be good for you to say you pray for us? Wouldn't it be proper and right for you to say that you thank God we still believe the Bible and defend it? Wouldn't it be good for you to write and tell us you are glad that one paper in the world still prints full-length gospel sermons and stresses preaching of the Gospel, and so wins many hundreds of souls to Christ every year?

Nearly everybody who reads THE SWORD has had some blessing. Why not write and tell us about it?

And even if you have no special incident about which to tell, you could write and say, "I am praying for you." You could say, "Brother Rice, I know it costs something to be true to Christ. And I want you to know that for all the hard letters you have gotten, all the slights and reproaches that have come upon you for defending the faith and pressing for soul winning, I thank God. You have my prayers and my Christian love!"

Yes, wouldn't it be a good Christian thing for you to write a letter like a Christian, writing to another Christian that needs it and who will be blessed and encouraged by it? So write us a letter.

IV. "Letter Month" Is a Good Time to Help Bear These Burdens, and Come to the Help of the Lord!

We believe that we do you a favor when we make it easy for you to help get out the Gospel around the world. We believe that good Christians everywhere are glad to have the issues clarified and glad to know some medium for getting out the Gospel far and wide. We do not ask you to help us in our own work. I ask for no money for myself as editor (I take no salary from the SWORD and I never have). I am simply asking that you prayerfully consider whether you want to help Jesus Christ through sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to preachers and missionaries and Christian workers who need it (in our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund). I want you simply to consider: would you like to help

INCIDENTS and Illustrations



By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Jail: It's Wonderful!

Are the iron bars, steel doors and high brick walls around our jails and penitentiaries to keep prisoners in or out? Most people think they are to keep the guilty confined, but strange things have happened recently. Up in Fremont, Michigan, a retired farmer from nearby Newaygo appeared before Justice John Taylor charged with parking his car illegally in front of a private drive. The man pleaded guilty and was fined two dollars. But then the farmer startled the court by refusing to pay the fine and declaring he would "take three days in jail instead!"

The elderly farmer told Justice Taylor, "I have never been there and I wonder what it's like." The startled judicial representative was perplexed for a moment, but then an interested party stepped forward and paid the fine, much to the relief of the justice.

Along the same line, down in the Lone Star State a fifty-three year old ex-convict named Pete McKenzie, who has spent nearly two-thirds of his life in Texas prisons, petitioned Governor Price Daniel to return him behind bars. At one time under a death sentence for murder, McKenzie was pardoned in 1957 and told he must never return to Texas. However, McKenzie said that life was too difficult on the outside and he felt his suffering from asthma would be just benefited by a return to prison with its up-to-date hospitalization methods.

These are strange actions, indeed, but the spiritual counterpart is seen on every hand. The Word of God likens the bondage of sin to a penitentiary and states that every individual outside of Christ is in bondage. Isaiah 61:1 prophetically proclaimed "liberty to the captives and the opening of prison to them that are bound," yet millions refuse the liberation, choosing to remain in the bitter bondage of sin's penitentiary and receive cruel treatment from the hands of the warden, Satan.

Are you in the penitentiary of sin? Let Jesus Christ, the great Emancipator, liberate you. Jesus said in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Hollywood actor Stuart Whitman, who just starred in a biblical (?) film, "The Story of Ruth," will be seen in the chiller, "Murder, Inc." the next time out.

Utopia Ahead

Julian H. Zimmerman, head of the Federal Housing Administration, told the National Lumber Manufacturers Association the other day that by the year 2000 the typical American family will earn \$10,000 and spend up to \$25,000 for a typical house. Since the present medium-family income is \$5,100 a year, this would in-

get the Gospel out to millions of people over the radio, the "Voice of Revival" each week? Actual broadcasting costs from \$6,000 to \$7,500 per month.

Well, what you do, do for Jesus' sake and do because He leads you to do it and because it will honor Him. But for every gift for the "Voice of Revival" or our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, or for our Free Literature Fund through which we are sending Christian literature around the world—every gift of \$5.00 or more, just the same as every cash book order or subscription order of \$5.00 or more, we will send absolutely free the beautiful poem book, *Apples of Gold*.

A good Christian who has been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD has an obligation. You have as much obligation to encourage us and stand by us as we have to get out THE SWORD OF THE LORD for you to read. May we have your letter? Right away, please! Hurry your letter to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

volve a doubling of our average net income.

Zimmerman based his crystal ball assumptions on the premise that the income increase would be coupled with a doubling of our 178 million population. He also estimated that home construction and furnishing would jump from the present 108 billion dollars a year to 335 billion dollars a year.

The catch: The "we'll all be rich" philosophy hinges on these assumptions: no atomic war; prosperity without significant inflation; no major change in the basic aims of the Federal Housing Policy.

In other words, don't hold your breath until it happens!

Hedda and Hollywood

Hedda Hopper, long considered the dean of movieland's correspondents, does not always have too high an opinion of the business she represents. Radio and TV editor Hal Humphrey quoted a recent interview with her in his column as follows:

"The motion picture industry," says this modern-day Carrie Nation, "is the greatest thing ever put into the hands of man, but it's being sunk to Hell with its message pictures."

"Have you seen 'Suddenly, Last Summer' or 'On the Beach'? One is all about homosexuals and cannibalism, and the other one appeases Russia. Is that what you call entertainment? Well, not me, brother! Why I was married and had a child before I knew what homosexuality was. Now they show it to the kids in the theaters."

"Hedda recently had occasion to chat briefly with Tennessee Williams, author of 'Suddenly, Last Summer.' The conversation went like this:

"Hedda: Why do you go to the sewer for your stories?"

"Williams: I had a bad childhood."

"Hedda: All right! But you've grown up now, haven't you?"

Humphrey also quoted Miss Hopper's view about TV. Said she: "Television stinks!"

Along the line of the movie, "On the Beach," appealing Russia, Senator Wallace F. Bennett (Rep., Utah) declared that the film was "based on unscientific and dangerously misleading premise." The picture, which deals with a nuclear war contaminating the atmosphere to such an extent that the human race is gradually being wiped out, is very misleading. Senator Bennett said, "The most important scientific fact which is ignored in the movie is the rapid decay rate of radio-activity which makes it possible for most of the population to survive, provided they take precautions against radiation. The movie creates the completely incorrect impression that protective measures by individuals or by communities are futile."

The main value of the film seems to be that it is excellent Russian propaganda!

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru May 15:
First Regular Baptist Church
Hammond, Indiana

May 22-June 5:
Grace Baptist Church
220 Buhr Street
Eureka, California

June 7-19:
Pioneer Baptist Church
Norwalk, California

The Merciful Judge

In the town of Wishaw there lived an earnest Christian man who became a magistrate. One morning there appeared before him in the court a friend of his youth who had strayed from the paths of righteousness and had committed an offense against the law of the land. Those who knew the relationship between the two men expected the magistrate to deal mercifully, but they were very much surprised when they heard that the sentence was a heavy fine. They were more surprised when the judge went to the officer of the court and took from his own pocket the money to pay the fine.

He did his duty as a magistrate and upheld the law, but he showed something of the mercy of God for his friend when he paid the penalty. There is little wonder that the lawbreaker was broken-hearted in his repentance.—George Van Norman

Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

Dear Boys and Girls:

I woke up this morning thinking of the verse of Scripture that I wanted you to learn this week. It is, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right" (Prov. 20:11).

Do you know what the most common sin is? In James 3:2 we are told, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." If you want to please Jesus and be known as His child, then you should make a special project of controlling your tongue, of keeping from saying wrong things. That verse in James means that if you can succeed in that, you can "bridle" or control the whole body.

This week I remember hearing a little boy, who was angry at a friend, shout, "Shut up." And when I suggested that he shouldn't use such words, I heard him later shout angrily, "Be quiet!" I am afraid one expression was nearly as bad as the other, wasn't it? You will want especially to be careful of how you talk to parents and teachers and others in authority. And of course a Christian will want to remember the two commandments, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," and "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

Remembering these things, will you try this week to guard your tongue against lying, bitter words, and anger? If you sin, ask God to forgive you right away and begin again to do right. Don't give up and go on being bad.

If you write me telling how you are doing in controlling your tongue, I will send a letter of encouragement to you.

A lovely letter came recently from Lynette Thye in Burlington, Iowa. She wrote:

"Dear Aunt Mary of KIDS KORNER,

"I am thirteen years old, and go to Oak Street Baptist Church. I have been reading a chapter out of my Bible and saying a prayer afterwards for about two and one half years. I would be pleased if you would send me a sword. It seems like I can't go to sleep without reading my Bible and praying." Then she adds a P. S. "We like KIDS KORNER and Church Birdette."

And Charlene Mullins wrote again to say "thank you" for the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" She tells me that she has already read more than half of its 24 pages. (She is only ten years old. Some of you older boys and girls could read it all at one time.) For a little while longer we will send a free copy to each child who writes asking for it, and promising to read it or to give it to someone who will read it. We will pray that some lost fathers and mothers may be saved through reading it.

Just write to me, Aunt Mary, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois, and say, "Please send me the little book, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'" written by the editor, Dr. Rice. I promise to read it or give it to a friend who will read it." And perhaps the Lord will use you to win your lost Daddy or Mother. Of course, to do that you will have to be extra obedient and loving and very prayerful.

Now, for fun and profit read the *Bird Life in Wington* story.

Love,
Aunt Mary

Learning the Hard Way



When he came to, they were dashing cold water on his face.

Meet Archie Kingfisher! Archie is in a good humor this morning. But such has not always been the case. He knows now that losing your temper does not pay. But like quite a few other little birds, Archie had to learn the hard way.

As you know, the Kingfisher family lives on Riverview Avenue. Next door on one side are the Cranes, and on the other side are the Snipes.

A few days ago one afternoon, Archie, Sammy Snipe and Jerry Crane flew up the river on a fishing trip. They had good luck and before long were on their way home, each with a nice fish in his bill. Archie was particularly proud of his; so proud in fact, that he sailed over close to Sammy and said, "Mine is the biggest."

As he did so, out of his bill of course slipped his fish and down "kerplunk" into the river. Archie was right behind it, driving as fast as he could in an effort to reach it before it touched the water. But all he got was a mouth full of water and a good ducking. He was not hurt, of course, but my, how angry he was! When he arrived home he was crying and sputtering so much his mother could hardly understand what he was trying to say.

"Now, now, Archie," she said as she spread him out in front of the stove to dry. "Losing one fish is not so bad. There are plenty more in the river. You can go back tomorrow afternoon with Sammy and Jerry and catch another one. But losing your temper is very, very bad. My little son," she continued, "remember when you are angry you cannot think straight and you cannot see straight. You must learn to control your temper. If you do not, one of these days it will get you into trouble."

Like a good many little birds I know, Archie heard what his mother said but did not pay much attention. He just kept on sulking, which made him feel quite miserable inside. And with his lower bill stuck away out, his face looked quite horrible.

But he had almost forgotten to be angry by the next afternoon when he started up the river to

Can Christians Be Communists?

The *Indianapolis Star* for April 27, 1952, had the following true and helpful editorial. Why should preachers not know as much and care as much about this anti-Christian menace as a newspaper editor?

"The official organ of the Methodist Church in America, *The Christian Advocate*, on January 24 this year featured an article by Bishop Ralph A. Ward. In this article the Bishop states, 'The New Testament tells of communism which was practiced in the early church in Jerusalem. There are sincere Christians today who believe that humanity would be better served by a social and economic order in which natural resources and major processes of production and distribution are owned and controlled by the people [meaning, of course, the government]....'

"They believe that the Communist party can make progress toward these ends more quickly than can other political organizations. They believe they should work for a communist order which provides these and other things. But they can never accept the philosophy of atheistic, materialistic communism and its implications. They repudiate totalitarian control and forcible regimentation....'

"We might do well to differentiate people who might be called Christian communists and communists of the Moscow type."

"Now let's examine this ridiculous statement for a moment. In the first place, the New Testa-

ment does not tell of communism being practiced in the early Christian Church. The *communism* described in the Acts was a voluntary sharing of goods that had nothing to do with communism which is a political philosophy formulated by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in 1848! Obviously the Bishop does not know what communism is or what the Communist party seeks to accomplish or what a communist order means in human society. If he did know he could not possibly use 'Christian' and 'communism' in the same breath.

"The *Communist Manifesto*, the Bible of communism, the source of communism, the inspiration of communism, described communism thus: 'The theory of the communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.... This... is called by the bourgeois, abolition of individuality and freedom. The abolition of bourgeois individuality, bourgeois independence, and bourgeois freedom is undoubtedly aimed at.... In a word, you reproach us with intending to do away with your property. Precisely so; that is what we intend.'

"Now what is Christian about that, Bishop Ward? And what is Christian about this? Karl Marx, father of communism, wrote, 'The democratic concept of man is false because it is Christian [italics ours]. The democratic concept holds that each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Christianity.' Does Bishop Ward or any Methodist or other churchgoer who agrees with him believe Christians can support a system that declares war on Christianity?"

"Christian communism" is a contradiction in terms, and it is surprising that a high churchman in the Methodist Church does not know it. Communism calls religion the 'opiate of the people' and the kind of 'tolerance' of communism that Bishop Ward preaches will certainly turn it into an opiate that will dull and destroy the soul of Christianity. The 'communist order' sought by the Communist party which 'Christian communists' support cannot be achieved without 'totalitarian controls and forcible regimentation' and every leader of the Communist party from Marx to Lenin to Stalin to Eugene Dennis says so loudly, repeatedly, and without apology. If the good Bishop did not read these books and speeches before commending 'Christian communism' to his flock, he is guilty of a terrible mistake. If he did read them and still tolerates 'Christian commun-

ism,' he is either not a true Christian or he is a very blind one.

"What did Jesus Himself have to say about the profit system which the 'Christian communist' condemns and which Moscow communism would destroy? In the 25th chapter of St. Matthew we read the parable of the 'talents.' A man traveling to a far country turned his money, in 'talents,' over to his servants 'to every man according to his several ability,' not, as the communists put it, 'to each according to his need.' Those two servants who traded with the money left them and who made a 100 per cent profit he commended with the words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' The one servant who buried his talent in the ground for safe keeping he called 'wicked and slothful,' and he said, 'Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness.'

"Can a Christian be a communist?"

"Communism is the anti-Christ. It is a doctrine of Godless materialism that seeks the destruction of Christianity. How can a supposedly Christian bishop maintain that Christianity and communism have something in common when the communists themselves say that Christianity must be destroyed before communism can win the world?"

"Can a Christian be a communist?"

"Former communist Whittaker Chambers wrote, 'The communist vision is the vision of man without God. It is the vision of man's mind displacing God as the creative intelligence of the world.'

"Can a 'Christian communist' live without God and still be a Christian?"

"Many of our churchmen plead for a 'regeneration of Christian fervor and a new spiritual and moral resurgence of the Christian faith. If Bishop Ward's views are accepted in his church, and similar views are accepted in the organizations of many other churches, may we suggest that this moral and spiritual regeneration of Christianity start from within the church and not from without."

"I quote a paragraph from a letter which we received recently from a Christian lawyer who is a graduate of Bob Jones University: 'The education and training which I received at Bob Jones University were of the highest quality, but most of all I appreciate the wonderful chapel talks, the inspirational messages, and the practical Christian approach to life which means so much in my career. May God continue to bless in a wonderful way this great institution which is turning out Christian leaders for the entire world.'

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THE RADICALS WANT CONTROL OF EDUCATION

THE EDUCATIONAL
BATTLEGROUND

[An editorial in the Wall Street Journal]

If you are wondering what the next socio-political issue is going to be in the field of education, we'll let you in on the secret. It will be a battle by the public educators to abolish the private schools.

Just the other day a conference of public school administrators, meeting at Teachers College, Columbia University, fired a broadside at their private competitors. Private secondary schools, in the unanimous view of the public administrators at the meeting, are "wasteful" and "inherently undemocratic."

Hence, in their view, "the expansion of duplicate school systems . . . constitutes a very grave threat to the continuing progress

and improvement of the democratic school system."

This is not the first rumbling of opposition to the private schools from bastions of the public educators. But it is a loud one, and anybody familiar with the role of Teachers College as a seed bed for the public educators' ideas will have no difficulty in anticipating more.

Private schools have always been an annoyance to public school officials, although so long as they were small and few they could be suffered. But one of the marked trends of recent years has been the growing dissatisfaction of the public with the public school education and the growing tendency of middle-income people to seek something better for their children. And what was better was the private schools.

Middle-Income Families

When a rich man sends his son to prep school, it might be dismissed as snobbery. But when middle-income families, already hard pressed by high local school taxes, are willing to take on the additional burden of paying private school tuition also, then the public school administrator cannot dismiss the matter so easily. Ev-

ery child taken out of the public school by his parents becomes an open no-confidence vote in the public school and a public reproach to the public school administrator.

This is a blow to the pride of the public school administrator that he cannot take without doing battle. And being either unable or unwilling to meet the competition by making better public schools, so that there would be no pressure on parents to pay the extra cost of private schools, the public school administrator must flay his competitors.

The private school system may be "wasteful" in the sense that many citizens of only moderate means are shouldering a double cost to educate their children properly. It may be un-democratic, we suppose, in that it means some children get better education than others. But it is typical of a certain mind that public school administrators would "solve" these problems by demanding that no one be allowed, even when willing to pay a high price, to have anything better than the all-too-often mediocre education offered by the public authorities.

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There would have been no America.

And there will not be, for long, if we look to government for our security instead of earning it for ourselves.

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The Revival We Need!

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should not be put on any motion picture screen for public exhibition. True, the Zanucks probably will make a fortune out of it . . . I don't suppose any word of mine will make a difference, and the picture will be made just the same, with all concerned making money. But I am still one hundred per cent against it."

The amount of sex sin going on about us is almost unbelievable. Three out of five marriages are ending in divorce courts. Homes are made shipwreck on every hand. Even in our fundamental churches divorce is becoming a very common thing in church families. With the breakdown of the home goes also the breakdown of the nation's morals.

The number of illegitimate births is growing by leaps and bounds. In 1950 there were 141,600 illegitimate births in the United States. In 1957 there were 201,700 illegitimate births—81,000 of these born to teen-agers. In a recent revival meeting I met on one day alone two teen-age girls who had illegitimate children. A Southern California professor claims that sixty-five per cent of the brides who go to the altar today are not virgins. A University of Illinois professor recent publicly claimed that he saw no reason why young couples ought not to have sexual relations without the benefit of marriage.

The newspapers and magazines have been recently full of stories of cheating in American colleges and high schools. Investigations have revealed that a college student can, for the right amount of money, buy a college theme or even a doctor's thesis from unscrupulous organizations. Beyond any doubt American moral standards are absolutely on the rocks. Employers report that each year in the United States between one million and three million dollars are stolen in cash and materials from American industry.

On every hand we see awful, sordid crimes which defy description. Not too long ago as a sixteen-year-old girl in Houston, Texas, was listening to a teen-age dance show on the television, she calmly leveled a gun and shot her fourteen-year-old brother as he entered the room.

A Moral Revolution Absolutely Necessary

Without a moral revolution in our nation we will be gone in a short time. This moral revolution

cannot possibly come without an old-fashioned, Heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival of religion in our land. Education cannot bring it. Psychology cannot bring it. Legislation cannot bring the moral revolution we need. Only a sweeping revival can do so! We need a wave of Hell-fire-and-brimstone preaching in our pulpits across the land today to bring about the fear of God in our midst. Preachers have so long preached a soft, flabby Gospel emphasizing only the love of God that Americans no longer fear God. Neighbor, without a genuine revival, America will go down the moral drain.

This revival must start with individuals. Torrey once said that the way to revival is for each Christian to draw a chalk circle, step within that circle and ask God to begin the revival inside that circle. How we need to search our own hearts, clean up our lives and set out to serve God individually.

But even this is not enough. We must begin to have some moral impact on our communities. If America is to be saved, the pulpits must be revolutionized. We need a crusade of preaching on the wages of sin and the need for repentance.

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Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a good revival February 28-March 6 at the Marrable Hill Chapel in El Dorado, Arkansas. Rev. Sam Shepperson is pastor. During the eight days 31 came to accept Christ as Saviour, over 60 Christians rededicated their lives to Christ, and on the last Sunday 14 united with the church. In spite of an ice storm and power failure one night the service went on using lanterns and candles with 150 people present and 6 decisions that night.

In February **EVANGELIST SCHUNK** was at the Calvary Baptist Church in Winter Garden, Florida, where Reynold G. Lemp is pastor. In the eight days of meetings there were 25 saved and about 100 rededications according to the pastor. He says, "I can truthfully say that we have never seen our folks do more about soul winning than they have since Brother Schunk was with us."

EVANGELIST JOE MILLER, Route 1, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, closed a meeting at the Mount Olive Evangelical United Brethren Church April 10. Rev. Lester Schmitt is pastor. There were 12 conversions and 10 Christians who made outward decisions to be what He wanted them to be.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, was with the Stoney Point Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, for a week during March. There were 21 people who made professions of faith and 104 rededications. The pastor, Rev. Paul T. Trogdon, reports that the church was wonderfully blessed.

EVANGELIST JOE DAY, 229 East Irvington Avenue, South Bend 14, Indiana, conducted an evangelistic campaign at the

among Bible-believing Christians everywhere. They talk much about revival and yet do not do the things that are absolutely essential to bring genuine revival. I think there is more talk about revival today and less evidence of it than any time in our history.

Don't just stand idly by when America so desperately needs revival—do something about it now. Pray and ask God to whom you ought to be sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Have a part today in a crusade that is trying to reach America for God. Your help was never more greatly needed than right now.

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—Coronet

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EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, closed a two-week meeting April 12 in the Park Place Baptist Church at Cushing, Oklahoma, where Lee Hartman is pastor. The pastor reports there were 7 conversions and 2 who joined the church by letter. He heartily recommends Brother Wells as a man of God and a tireless worker with a zeal for souls.

THE HAL WEBB EVANGELISTIC TEAM of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, held a two-week revival closing April 10 in the Saylorsville Baptist Church of Des Moines, Iowa. William Koltovich, pastor, reports 38 first-time conversions and a large number of rededications during the two weeks. The pastor reports that there was a real measure of conviction of sin upon God's people and definite repentance among them. The Hal Webb Team is composed of Rev. Hal Webb and Rev. Theron Babcock. The pastor reports that this team is a solid, Spirit-filled team, completely separated against modernism and not ashamed to be numbered with true Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Christians.

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and cry out about modernism?" Because the Lord said we should. He said it would come in, and that we are to watch lest we be deceived about it. Read on:

"And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

What is the motive of the communists, the modernists, the socialists, false prophets and cults?

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words [deceitful words, lying words] make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

Damnable heresies. The passage I read said that every tree that doesn't bring forth good fruit, judged by doctrine—that tree shall be cut down and cast in the fire. Here He said of false prophets that "their judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." The people God is talking about here are going to Hell. They pretend to be Christians, pretend to be for God, pretend to be ministers, but they are poor lost sinners and their damnation slumbereth not. They are going quickly to Hell.

Someone says, "I don't like your calling these men names and saying things about them." The Bible said things about them, and I won't say anything about anybody unless I can prove that by his fruits he is a denier of Christ and that these words in the Scriptures were about him.

First of all, I will define communism, then define socialism, showing how the Bible opposes communism, and how socialism and communism are really the same essentially in foundation and doctrine. Then I will show how modernism is like them both.

WHAT COMMUNISM ACTUALLY TEACHES

First, I will set out to define communism.

I have here in my hand a sermon by Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College. This sermon was used in THE SWORD OF THE LORD in 1954. It is titled, "The Big Lie," and it is a sermon on communism. He gives the Scripture about strong delusions, that they should believe a lie, and he says communism is "The Big Lie."

Now about Karl Marx, the founder of the doctrine of communism, Dr. Edman says:

"It must be remembered that Karl Marx was a theorist, a doctrinaire economist, with no practical experience in the ideas which he propagated. He never earned a day's wages in his life. Once he applied for employment in an office, but his handwriting was so wretched that he was immediately discharged. He lived by the largesse of others. He lived aloof, isolated, even from them who supported him out of their poverty. He was insensitive to the interests of others, irritable in the extreme, inconsiderate of everyone. Even his admiring biographers had to admit that he was 'morbidly thin-skinned and jealously suspicious of the least sign of antagonism to his person or his doctrine.'"

1. Communism Is Against Private Ownership of Property

Karl Marx was no friend of the working man, though he claimed to be. Dr. Edman says further:

"What are the basic communist economic principles? Karl Marx states them very graphically, with frankness that is brutal, in his Communist Manifesto, in which he says:

"The theory of the communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property."

That quotation is from Karl Marx in Communist Manifesto. Marx goes on to say:

"You are horrified at our intending to do away with private property . . . in one word, you reproach us with intending to do away with your property. Precisely so; that is just what we intend."

Communism sets out to do away with private property, and to seize people's property, and whether

they do it by law or whether they do it without law, literally to rob people of their property, to abolish private property.

I quote from Dr. Edman's sermon:

"To achieve this abolition of private property so that everything is owned corporately by the State, a communist program was proposed by Marx. He declared that 'The proletariat will use its political supremacy to wrest, by degrees, all capital from the bourgeoisie, to centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the State; and to that end the communists plan:

"1. 'Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.'"

Notice, all property in land is to be turned over to the State, little by little, to be wrested, twisted, stolen, robbed, confiscated from people and taken by the State.

"2. 'A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.'"

Now note carefully. I'll refer to that again. This is a communist proposal. What is the purpose? To steal the property of people and put it into the hands of the State. And one method? "A heavy progressive or graduated income tax."

"3. 'The abolition of all right of inheritance.'"

You may begin to see some likeness to the New Deal program. "Abolition of all right of inheritance." If the lands cannot go to sons, if the property cannot go to daughters, it can be confiscated in inheritance taxes by the State. "The abolition of private property." This is the communist method of doing it. Again,

"4. 'Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels [by "emigrants and rebels" was meant citizens who would flee from a communist State].'"

All the people who couldn't stand that, their lives in danger, would flee and the government would take their property. Quoting again,

"5. 'Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national branch with State capital and an exclusive monopoly; and furthermore the socialization of transportation.'"

That is, taking over the railroads, the bus lines, air lines. Factory production—seizing all the factories, all the mills. Agriculture—seizing all the farms, all the ranches, all the gardens.

Dr. Edman continues his quote from Marx:

"... and concluding with what already has long since been available, 'Free education for all children in public schools.'"

That part we have had from many, many years back in America.

Now, do you know what the program of communism is? The abolition of private property, getting a dictatorship of some working people over the people who have owned property and have been bosses and have been owners and have been managers and foremen, then little by little steal or "wrest"—the word Marx uses—or rob from people all private property—all their lands, all their mills, all their garages, all their stores, all the means of production, all the railroads, all the mines.

2. Communism Would Destroy Freedom of the Individual

I'll go a little further now. As well as the abolition of private property, it plans the destruction of individual freedom.

Karl Marx again speaks:

"The abolition of this state of things is called by the bourgeoisie, abolition of individuality and freedom! And rightly so."

Quoting Karl Marx: "The abolition of bourgeois individually, bourgeois independence, and bourgeois freedom, is undoubtedly aimed at."

That is this: Let us get a few working people and put them in charge, make them dictators, and we intend, he says, to take the freedom away from everybody who owns any property, as well as their profits. I'll not go further into it, though there is much more. But the plan is to put them in the greatest bondage possible.

Here is another word. Another quotation. Dr. Edman says:

"To that end the bases of society must be destroyed. First, the 'individual . . . the middle-

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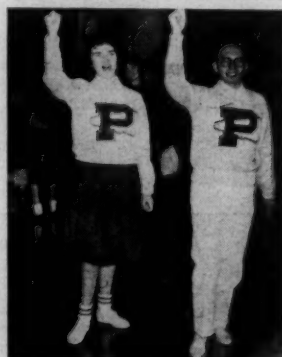
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class owner of property... must,
indeed, be swept out of the way."

3. Communism Would Abolish the Family As We Know It

Next comes the family. The
Communist Manifesto becomes
savage in what it says about the
family. Karl Marx, the founder
of communism, the founder of so-
cialism, says again,
"Abolition of the family! . . .
The bourgeois family will vanish
as a matter of course when its
complement vanishes, and both
will vanish with the banishing of
capital . . . The bourgeois clap-
trap about the family and edu-
cation, about the hallowed co-
relation of parent and child, becomes
all the more disgusting . . . by the
action of Modern Industry."
Then Marx goes on to say,
"The community of women, [that
is, making women the property of
everybody and passing the women
around]; it has existed almost
from time immemorial."
That is already being done, he
says, but we will legalize it. Now
that is communism according to
the author himself, Karl Marx, as
quoted from the *Communist Mani-
festo*.

HOW BIBLE OPPOSES COMMUNISM IN PRINCIPLES

Now let us take the Bible and
show some things wrong with

communism. Without trying to
touch on all, here are a few. The
Bible is out-and-out against com-
munism, and in a bit you will see
why communism is atheistic, why
communism cannot be Christian.

1. The Bible Teaches Private Ownership of Property

First, the ownership of property,
private property, is taught in the
Bible. It is not only a right of
people but it is a spiritual plan of
God. Someone says, "The church-
es, the modernists say—Bishop
Oxnam says, Nels F. S. Ferre
says, and other men say—that
Christianity must not be tied up
with any system of economics." But
the Bible has a system of econ-
omics. Turn to Exodus, chap-
ter 20, to find God's plan about
ownership of property. He said in
verse 15, "Thou shalt not steal."
Now, there are some things that
are inviolate if one follows the
Bible. The private ownership of
property—"Thou shalt not steal."

Not only "Thou shalt not steal,"
but property ownership is the only
matter in the Ten Command-
ments, as far as I know, that is
mentioned twice. He says, "Thou
shalt not covet thy neighbour's
house, thou shalt not covet thy
neighbour's wife, nor his man-
servant, nor his maidservant, nor
his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing
that is thy neighbour's." Nothing
could be clearer than that God
intended people to own property,
to own land, to own oxen, to own
asses, and it should be undis-
turbed, that it would be a sin even
for people to covet what belongs
to somebody else. So every com-
munist is a thief because he wants
what does not belong to him,
what he did not earn.

I'll go further: Every socialist
and New Dealer is crooked be-
cause he violates this plain com-
mand of God to covet for himself
money that somebody else earned,
but he wants it and he promises
to vote a New Deal ticket if he
gets it. Yes, socialism and com-
munism are against the plain Bi-
ble teaching that it is wrong to
take what belongs to somebody
else, it is wrong to covet what
belongs to somebody else.

Again in Exodus 22, the Scrip-
ture says, "If a man shall steal
an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or
sell it; he shall restore five oxen
for an ox, and four sheep for a
sheep." That's pretty drastic, isn't
it? Yes, but God is saying, "I want
you to see that there is something
that is inviolate." You cannot dis-
turb the Bible law of private own-
ership without sinning against
God. If it is an ox, you restore
five times; if it is a sheep, you
restore four times. Then God goes
on to say that if a thief be found
breaking in at night and you
knock him in the head and kill
him, you will be blameless.

You say, "I don't think so much
of property rights as I do of hu-
man rights." But property own-
ership is a human right. And God
requires it. Any philosophy of gov-
ernment that violates this plain
order of God—that people may
earn or buy property and own it;
people may buy it and keep it
and use it, and may reap from
it, and may invest in it, and earn
from the investment—any philoso-
phy that is against that, is against
the Bible plan.

Why do Americans prosper? Be-
cause the American Constitution
is primarily based upon such cer-
tain fundamental laws that are
God's laws. It was no accident
that the founders of our country
put on the dollar, "In God We
Trust." It is no accident that we
inaugurate a man as President by
having him kiss the Bible. It is
no accident that we have a chap-
lain pray every time Congress
opens, every time the Senate
opens. It is no accident that we
have set out to have a chaplain for
every group of soldiers and on
every major battleship, to pray
and preach the Gospel and stand
for God. Yes, our forefathers
wanted a country based on God's
law.

That is the reason Americans
are the best paid, have more to
eat, enjoy more conveniences, are
more advanced, have more leisure,
—more of everything. We have a
country that started out on God's
plan, and God blessed it. Now
some nuts would like to throw it
away.

2. Nothing Like Marxist Com- munism in Jerusalem Church

Now about this matter of com-

munism. "Brother Rice, didn't
they have communism in Jerusa-
lem?" "Don't you think they had
communism in Acts, chapter 4 and
5?" someone may ask. Well, let
me read it—Acts, chapter 4, be-
ginning with verse 34:

"Neither was there any among
them that lacked: for as many as
were possessors of lands or hous-
es sold them, and brought the
prices of the things that were sold,
And laid them down at the apos-
tles' feet: and distribution was
made unto every man according
as he had need. And Joses, who
by the apostles was surnamed Bar-
nabas, (which is, being interpret-
ed, The son of consolation,) a
Levite, and of the country of Cy-
prus, Having land, sold it, and
brought the money, and laid it
at the apostles' feet."

Now as many as had land, the
multitude of them that believed,
were of one heart, and one soul.
Verse 32, "Neither said any of
them that ought of the things
which he possessed were his own;
but they had all things common."

"Wasn't that communism?" you
ask. Three or four things are to
be said. First, this was a volun-
tary arrangement of a group of
Christians. It didn't include any-
body else—only some Christians
who wanted to do it, like a group
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of Christians who get together at a country church and have dinner on the ground. Isn't that all right? It was voluntary.

Notice this other thing: It was an emergency measure never intended for wider use. It is never commanded in the Bible anywhere, and this is the only community in the New Testament where it ever happened, as far as we know. And in this case, it brought disaster, and it wasn't long until Paul had to go up and down the Roman Empire and raise money, for they all went busted and everybody had to be fed on public charity. Isn't that right? This is no example, then, of communism.

Notice these are all Christians. What they did, they did voluntarily, and even so, it didn't work. It was not commanded. They meant well; maybe it was an emergency. Since there were so many new converts, so many people being arrested, so many people getting in jail, perhaps it was all right to sell all the land and feed everybody. But then somebody is going to have to take up a col-

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lection from people still working and making a living and owning the property, to take care of it. And that's what they did. No communism there.

Go a little further. Here in the next chapter are Ananias and Sapphira:

"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"

What was his sin? Not the sin of holding back the money, but a sin of lying and pretending to be giving everything, like Barnabas did in the Scripture just above it. Peter said, "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own?" In other words, "It was yours. You didn't have to sell it. Nobody told you to. God didn't require you to give it. It was your own. After it was sold, was it not in thine own power? After you sold the land and had the money, you didn't have to bring it. But you did wrong to lie to God about it and lie to the people about it; so God is going to teach you a lesson." So God knocked him over dead and the young men carried him out.

Do you see what I'm talking about? The Bible all the way through is for private ownership of property. That is a clear Bible principle. Private ownership of property.

3. Investment and Interest On Invested Capital Approved by Jesus

Let's go a little further. The proposition, clear in the Bible also, which is denied by modernists, it's a part of the free enterprise system, is the right to have money, and to save money, and get interest on your money, the right to invest in a business, or in a factory, or in notes, or in stocks or bonds, to invest and to get interest on the money. In Matthew, chapter 25, Jesus gives this story of the talents, verse 24:

"Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not straved: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine."

A talent—how much was it? In silver, close to \$2,000. In gold, close to \$32,000. A talent is a certain measurement of money. "Now, I left you a talent; why didn't you use it?" He said: "His Lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not straved: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers [invested in a bank, or invested in a loan trust] and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury."

Now Jesus Christ Himself was talking, and He said that it is proper and right to invest your money and get interest on your money. Communism, then, is against the Bible. Anybody is against the Bible who tries to shut off investing because a man has money. He saved it, he worked for it, he put it by, he was thrifty, while a lot of you other people would go on relief, while you went out to the night spots and spent it in luxury and riotous living.

I'm having to pay taxes to keep some of you deadbeats up down here in Tennessee because you want to use electricity that the rest of us pay for. I helped to pay a billion and a half dollars, on the TVA proposition, to put it in. So it doesn't have to pay taxes and so you people down here in the Tennessee area get electricity which you do not pay for, but ride the rest of the United States because you pay less than it cost. Aren't you proud of that, you people on relief?

4. God's Plan for Inheritance of Wealth and Property

Now, again, the Bible has a clear word about inheritance. Listen, the Scripture tells us that Abraham had flocks and herds and much riches and he left it all to Isaac. He gave a settlement

to Ishmael and sent him away. He gave a settlement to other sons after he married Keturah, and sent them away. Then the great bulk of his estate, the Scripture says, he gave to Isaac. That is an inheritance in a Bible pattern. The Bible tells us how David had accumulated great wealth and left it in the hands of King Solomon so that Solomon was one of the richest men who ever lived. Inheritance.

That isn't all. The land of Palestine was cut up according to families and it was the law and the rule that the land, the farms, the estates should be handed down father to son, to grandson, to great grandson, year after year. And Leviticus, chapter 25, goes into a great deal of detail to show us how that if a man fall on hard days and has to sell his inheritance, within a year's time he can go and redeem it back, because God is saying it is proper and right and it is good for society that the inheritance should pass from father to son.

Now Karl Marx's idea, and the New Deal idea in America—that gifts and taxes and inheritance taxes should take all that a man has earned away from him and his heirs to buy votes with from the common people who want a free ride, and will be glad to vote for a man that will give them more—is wrong. I say, that idea is not of God. It was Karl Marx's idea, which he got from the Devil. The Bible is for inheritance and passing on of property to sons.

5. The Bible Teaches the Great Principle of Sowing and Reaping, Earning and Getting

Here is another matter. How does the Bible differ from communism? There is a divine law of sowing and reaping which communism and socialism ignore. What is this law in the Bible? "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The divine law is, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." What you sow you have a right to reap. If you sow sin, you are going to reap trouble.

What is the communist's plan? "From each according to his ability, and to each according to his need." Not to each according as he has earned, but to each according to his need. You see, communism changes God's divine law. Divine law is sow and reap. If one earns more money, he ought to get more money. If one works harder, he ought to get a raise. The fellow who does not work as much ought to be fired. That is divine law.

Paul said in II Thessalonians 3, "I've written to you that there are some who are busybodies, working not at all and causing trouble. All right, let such eat his own bread. When I was there before, I told you that if any would not work, neither should he eat." Hard boiled? No, that's just a matter of right and wrong. That is just sowing and reaping. That is the divine law. That is why there is a Hell for Christ-rejecting sinners. That is why there is a reward for soul winning. That is why, when a man works hard, he can make a better crop. That is why the man who works harder and studies more, advances and gets to own the business. That is God's law, not man's. What you call capitalism is another way of saying that what you sow, you reap; another way of saying God blesses hard work, and faith, and enterprise, and intelligence, and self-sacrifice. But divine law? Communism is against it, socialism is against it.

6. It Is Not Wrong to Save, to Invest, to Get Wealth

Let us see another thing here, another way. The Bible says riches and honor properly come to people who serve God. Proverbs, chapter 3, verses 9 and 10:

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

I'll show you that socialism and communism have the same root, have the same creed. I'll show you in a moment, but right now I want you to see that socialism and communism say that for

a man to earn more money is wrong, that the fellow with the muscles and the fellow who wants only a 30-hour week ought to have just as much as the fellow who schemes and plans and stays awake at night and works 16 hours a day, and so on. He says that the one ought to have as much as the other. The Bible doesn't say that. The communist says that there is no difference, and that since there is no God any how, it is to everybody according to his needs. But the Bible says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." A divine law of sowing and reaping. A divine law of wealth. A divine law, that it is an honor to earn more money, to make good in this world, to save money, and take care of your family.

The communistic and socialist plan is that everybody more or less is on relief. A paternal state, a welfare state, with some laboring people in charge of it, everybody dipping into the fund so you can keep them in line, so you can buy their votes, and tell them what to do, etc.

What is the Bible plan? Take care of your own people. Paul said to Timothy, "If anyone has a mother, or an aunt, or a widow to take care of, don't bring her to the church. You requite your own parents." Then comes that famous Scripture which is nearly always quoted out of context, "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house [the widows of his own household, his own widowed mother or aunt, or old-maid sister, or somebody else who needs support of his own family], he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

This socialistic idea that the government has to take care of all the old people, has to take care of everybody when the work runs out, and so on, is against the Bible plan. The Bible plan is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." Don't you think there are some people who need to be taken care of? Yes, and Paul goes on to say in I Timothy, "Let not a widow be taken into the number if she is less than sixty years old." Any woman under sixty will try to marry again anyhow, if she gets a chance! And a woman past sixty could be persuaded! But let a widow not be taken unless she has been married only to one husband, and if she have washed the saints' feet, if she has been good in taking in strangers, has been charitable, and so on. It is all right for society to support that kind of a woman, if she is past sixty and has been married only once, and lived for God, a faithful Christian woman, and if she has no child to support her. That is the ordinary way, the American way, what we call capitalism, the free enterprise way. Do you see the difference from that and socialism, and communism?

SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM ALIKE

Now what do we mean by socialism? Let me define socialism. I have here a book, *Labor and Tomorrow's World*, by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop in Washington, D. C., the most important diocese of all of Methodism.

Socialism, Just Like Communism, Says Do Away With Private Ownership of Property and Business

On page 90 Dr. Oxnam tells us what socialism is. This is an authoritative statement. He is a socialist, and favors it, and knows what it is.

"In a little volume now more than thirty years old entitled *Socialism Summed Up*, Morris Hillquit set forth the essential position of the socialist with exceptional lucidity. He says: 'The Socialists demand that the principal industries of the nation, the business of providing the necessities of life, be conducted by the community for the benefit of its members.'"

And then he says: "Stated in more concrete terms, the Socialist program requires the public or collective ownership and operation of the principal instruments and agencies for the production and distribution of wealth

—the land, mines, railroads, steamboats, telegraph and telephone lines, mills, factories and modern machinery. [That takes in most of it, doesn't it? What about that, that they are not to be privately owned but to be owned by the government? That is socialism.—Ed.]

"This is the main program and the ultimate aim of the whole Socialist movement, and the political creed of all Socialists. It is the unfailing test of Socialist adherence, and admits of no limitation, extension or variation. Whoever accepts this program is a Socialist; whoever does not, is not."

What is the program? Public ownership of all the principal instruments and agencies, production, distribution of wealth, the land, the mines, railroads, all the farms, all the factories, all the shops, steamboat, telegraph, telephone lines, mills, factories, and modern machinery. No private ownership. That is socialism. You ask the difference between that and communism. No difference in the creed. The only difference is that communism, as it is in Russia, insists on the right to do it with a violent overthrow, bloodshed, and murder, while the socialists say, "No, let us get in and do it in America. We can get Huey Long, or Roosevelt, and little by little fool the people to keep giving more of other people's money so we can get enough votes and we take things away and change the income tax, and change inheritance tax, and put on confiscatory income taxes on the higher bracket, then it won't be long until we have all the rich people poor, and the poor people will be in charge, the ones who didn't earn it." You see, there is no difference in the creed. The only difference is whether you kill somebody to do it, or whether you do it without killing.

Who is the father of communism? Karl Marx. Who is the father of socialism? Karl Marx. You know what the name of Russia is? Russia is the *Soviet Union of Socialist Republics*. What is Russia? A socialist state. No difference in socialism and communism.

Why Communists and Socialists Turn Up Together: They Agree

How many have ever read the book, *The Witness*? Whittaker Chambers in that book tells how strange it is that New Dealers in some naive way can't recognize the communists. President Roosevelt just could not believe that Alger Hiss was a communist and betraying his country. He just could not believe that Dexter White was a communist and betraying his country. He kept promoting him and kept whacking everybody who raised his head to defend America from communism.

Now why? Because fundamentally the real reason is that there was kinship of spirit, and so they believed alike—the one a communist and the other a socialist. They say, "Take the money away from the man who earns it and give it to the fellow who does not earn it. Take over things by the government; let the government run everything; don't let anybody make very much money. And be sure to keep enough at hand to pass out to buy votes with, buy the farmers by giving them money to plow up what they planted, or pay them more than they could get on the law of supply and demand on the natural markets," etc. But always the same principle—take it over, own it by the state, use it for political purposes, buy the votes, buy the people, put over a program with it, and finally end up in a dictatorship.

Now there is no difference in the eventual end of the socialists and the communists. The communists say, "Let us kill people and get them out of the way and do it now." The socialists say, "No, let us do it a little slower and easier. Don't kill them if we can help it." I'm not lying, nor joking, nor twisting, but giving you the facts about it.

Why is there a kinship? Why is it? Here a man says, "I'm against communism." But what he means is, "I'm against Russia." But he says, "I'd like to make America like Russia." E. Stanley Jones would say, "Oh, I'm against communism." But he would say, "I

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Dangerous Triplets

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mean, of course, Russian communism. But I'd like to help get America to be a collective state like Russia." Do you see?

HOW MODERNISM FITS THE SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST PROGRAM

Here is a book, *Labor in Tomorrow's World*, by G. Bromley Oxnam—"A distinguished interpretation of the labor movement in relation to the world-wide mission of the Christian church." You will be interested to know that this book is dedicated to Francis John McConnell, the most radical modernist of the Methodist church, now retired, and who, I believe, recently died.

Here is another book, *Preaching and the Social Crisis*, edited by G. Bromley Oxnam, and this has a great many series of lectures delivered for the Boston University School of Theology. Contents:

"Preaching and Socialism," by Kirby Page;

"Communism's Challenge to Christianity," by Jerome Davis;

"Preaching and the Industrial Order," by Harry Frederick Ward, the man who started the Methodist Social Action Committee and sworn before Congress to be a communist, a professor in Union Theological Seminary and the teacher and mentor of Bishop Oxnam himself. Dr. Oxnam used to be his secretary;

"Preaching and the Race Problem," by William Nelson DeBerry;

"The Preacher and Revolution," by G. Bromley Oxnam; and other chapters by Francis McConnell, Burris Atkins Jenkins, etc., more of the same kind.

Do you remember the method that Karl Marx said that communism should use to take property away from the people and to get it in the hands of a dictatorship? Listen and I'll read you his statements. Here they are:

"1. Abolition of private property in land and application of all rents of lands to public purposes. 2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax."

Now, why, if one man, beyond a certain low limit, so a man will have a chance, beyond that, why not everybody 10% or everybody 20%? No, because the man who made more money may want to take it away from you, Marx says, so let us get 90% of his while we get 20% of somebody else. So says Marx and some other people you've heard about. All right, listen now.

"3. The abolition of all right of inheritance."

Let's take it away in taxes instead of letting a man give it to his children.

"4. The confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels," those who may have left the State. "5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, . . . furthermore, the socialization of transportation, factory production, agriculture."

We're pretty far gone toward that in agriculture now. I'm just reminding you of how closely alike are communism and socialism. Those are two of the triplets that are fairly to be called members of the same party!

Modernists Openly Avow Socialism

We go a little further. How are modernism, communism, and socialism alike? Now, I think I have showed you there would be no doubt that communism and socialism are alike. But now how is modernism like socialism and communism? Here are the facts. For example, this book by G. Bromley Oxnam on *Preaching and the Social Crisis* is not about the Gospel, is not the plan of salvation, is not what the Bible teaches us, but is about preaching and the social crisis of turning everything that we can into socialism in this country. Now, why would that have to be by a Methodist preacher and why would three of the sermons in here be by Methodist bishops? On page 19 I read in this book by a modernist preacher. See if you think this is socialism or not. This sermon is by Kirby Page, edited by Bishop Oxnam:

"It is supremely tragic that at this late day evidence must still be produced that Socialism is

much closer akin to Christian gospel than capitalism."

That isn't so, but that's what he says. So he's a socialist, isn't he? All right, quoting again from page 19:

"For the Christian Church to disentangle itself from the meshes of capitalism [the American free enterprise system; private ownership of property] is as crucial and urgent in our time as it was for the church of our forefathers' day to break with slavery."

Another quotation, page 32. Are modernist preachers socialist and communist? Listen carefully now:

"Surely, it is obvious that the co-operative method of Socialism is much closer akin to Jesus' way of life than is the competitive combat of capitalism."

So Kirby Page said, with Bishop Oxnam's approval.

Here is another one. On page 38, Jerome Davis, a famous modernist and socialist, says in this book, edited by Bishop Oxnam:

"They demand a dictatorship of producers. They [the communist leaders] believe it is possible to own, control and use all property for the benefit of the workers through a system of state Socialism."

You see, they know socialism and communism are the same.

"Nothing must be run for the profit of the individual; everything must be run in the interests of the masses—the real producers. Production must be for use and not for profit. Furthermore, they demand that all property relations be humanized; that we must revolutionize factory conditions in the interests of the workers. All income must be socialized. [Nobody's income according to his work, but according to what the State decrees, you see?] The effort of everyone in society shall be planned and directed for the common good."

No one will work where he wants to; he works where he is told. Nobody to get what he agrees and bargains to work for; he will get what the State, run by dictators, tells him he can get. Now, that statement is by Jerome Davis, modernist preacher, and edited by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., the most prominent bishop of the Methodist Church and one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches.

Modernist Leaders Say They Are Leaders in Socialist-Modernist Revolution

Here is another one, another quotation by Jerome Davis on page 55:

"As ministers of Jesus Christ, we must recognize again that we are leaders in a revolutionary movement . . ."

Well, then, what is the Methodist Church training preachers for? To be leaders in a revolutionary movement. What is the National Council of Churches insisting that preachers do? To be leaders in a revolutionary movement. Listen now. . . . which is seeking nothing short of the complete overthrow of special privilege [that is, a man keeping what he earns], economic selfishness [I'll earn it and I'll get paid for it], and racial discrimination." This involves not only a revolution of the human heart but a revolution of the social order.

Change the American way of life to the Russian way of life. Socialism. Communism.

How Modernists And Communists Are Alike in Being Against the Bible

Now, why is it that G. Bromley Oxnam, for example, admitted before the Investigating Committee of Congress, that he had joined nine different communist-front organizations? Note, he did not say he was a communist, and nobody accused him of being a communist, but if he were a communist, he wouldn't tell it. I don't know; I don't say that. But he admitted that he had joined nine different organizations which, it turned out, had been organized by communists and for communist aims in America. Now, why is it that modernists run with that crowd? And those that are not red are pink. I want to show you why they are alike.

Listen carefully. First of all, they start alike against the Bible.

The communists hate the Bible. The communists say that all religion is the opiate of the people. They start alike in that they do not believe the Bible. The modernist doesn't believe the Bible. They say, "We will not have that authority." The communist says, "We will not have the Bible as authority." The socialist says, "We will not have that Bible as authority." Does anybody know why as soon as we got a pro-socialist New-Deal government in this country, we repealed the Eighteenth Amendment? The Bible standards do not fit with socialism and communism.

They are alike in that they all reject the Bible. Listen to me! Don't put a modernist in with Christians. Put him with infidels. The man who does not believe that the Bible is true, does not believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, who believes that the Bible is a book of myths and legends as well as some good things, and who does not believe in the atoning blood, that man is not a Christian, but is an infidel! He is an unbeliever! You rate a modernist not with Christians but with communists and with infidels, with Tom Payne, with Bob Ingersoll, with Voltaire. On all the principal essentials they agree exactly. Yes. Now do you see why they are alike?

Modernists, Like Communism, Have a Philosophy Based on Evolution, Not Supernatural Creation

Second, they are alike on evolution. Modernists believe that the world came not by direct creation of God, but by evolution; that man came by slowly evolving from lower forms of life. They trace man from apes on back to one-celled animals, etc. They believe that man came by evolution. But that is a part of the particular doctrine of Karl Marx. And to whom did Karl Marx dedicate his book, *Communist Manifesto*? To Charles Darwin! Yes. He says that the human race is evolving upward and that therefore, little by little, society is growing into a better state and eventually we will not have any private property, and everybody will own everything together. And he says that evolution is absolutely certain to bring communism over the whole world. So Stalin taught, so all communists believe. So you believe when you believe in evolution instead of direct creation by God, when you believe not that God's Bible is authoritative, but that just whatever will work out to fit your scheme is all right.

Modernists, Like Communists and Socialists, Exalt Man As Good

Do you see the difference? Now third, modernists, evolutionists, socialists, all believe alike on the creation of man. The Bible says that man was created in God's image but fell, that man is a fallen creature, that the heart is desperately wicked, that a man must be born again or go to Hell, that man is an enemy of God, estranged from God from the womb. But modernism says, "No." They said, "Man [Christian Science puts it this way too] is the unfallen son of God." The modernist declares that there is good in every man. He says God is the father of all and that all are brothers. He says men do not need to be born again—he is already born of God. I have a book by Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Hope of the World*, in which he says in a sermon on "The Peril of Worshipping Jesus," "Do you believe that Jesus is divine? Yes," he said, "I do, like my mother was divine." Is he blaspheming?

Now, communist, socialist, modernist, all agree that man is essentially good, and it is just the system that is wrong. If man had a chance he would come out all right. Do you see why modernists turn naturally to socialism? Do you know why the modernist or liberal will be working for a collective state and for uniting all the churches, and uniting world government, and everybody getting together to own the property collectively instead of private enterprise? Because he does not believe what the Bible says about man, but he believes man is essentially good, like the socialists and the communists believe! The modernists and the socialists and

communists all come out alike on that matter. Do you see why they run together? They do not always know why, but it turns out that way because they are alike. They have the same doctrinal background.

The Deceitful Morality of Communism and Modernism Alike

Fourth, the modernists and the communists are alike in a certain wicked immorality. The Bible declares that with feigned words these modernists will make merchandise of you. . . . with deceitful words," the Scripture says. They are false prophets come to you in sheep's clothing. They are wolves in sheep's clothing. What do you mean? They are pretending to be sheep, but they are wolves. They are pretending to be preachers of the Gospel, but they are infidels. They will come as angels of light, Paul said, but they are enemies of your souls, and they are wicked spirits. Do you see what the Bible teaches?

A communist says, "I don't agree with the Bible, so I am not bound by the Ten Commandments." He says, "There is no God, so there is no morality, and there's nobody holding me to account. If I can get by with it, I'll get by with it." There is no right and wrong to a communist except, "What will advance communism and what will not?" If lying will win, if murder will win, that is all right. The communists have no morality. A man is a fool to trust Russia because Russian leaders are all communists, which means they will tell as big a lie as they want to. They've no conscience on it. They say if it prospers Russia, and if it prospers communism, then it is right to lie.

What about a modernist? What do you think about a modernist who comes in and is ordained as a Baptist preacher and says that he agrees with the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. "What do you believe? Were you converted? What do you believe about the inspiration of the Bible? What do you believe about Hell? What do you believe about the blood atonement? How do you believe people are saved?" Are preachers asked those questions still? Now what about a Baptist preacher who says he believes the Bible, says he believes the virgin birth, believes Jesus rose from the dead, says he believes man is a sinner and must be born again, but takes those vows tongue in cheek, then little by little sets out to break down faith and to deny the Bible that he promised God and men he would support?

A Methodist preacher wrote me, and I answered his letter just today, "I wish you would have that SWORD OF THE LORD stopped. I don't want it coming to my place." And he said some mean things. I wrote him that I would stop the paper whom someone sent him because they loved him. But I asked him, "Why don't you be honest about it and say, 'The truth is, I am against the historic Christian position; I do not believe the Bible; I despise the Christ presented in THE SWORD OF THE LORD'? Why don't you say that instead of running me down and accusing me of being a trouble-maker?" I went on to say, "You were ordained, and every Methodist preacher who is ordained once took solemn vows that he believes the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church which are unchanged down through the years. And you vowed publicly to teach them and defend them. Now, then, suppose you took them tongue in cheek. Never mind; you will meet God and give an account. Yes, we will stop THE SWORD OF THE LORD but what can an honest man do when he finds he is not a Christian and is against historic Christianity and against the Christ of the Bible and he is pretending to be a Gospel minister?"

I am saying there is a fundamental kinship of immorality and deceit and wickedness with a man who is a modernist, just like the man who is a communist. Isn't it terrible that men should creep in and try to steal secrets and betray the United States Government? Yes. Well, what is the difference for a man to teach in Louisville Seminary, supported by honest Baptist money, and there break down faith of young men

in the inspiration of the Bible, knowing he is paid by the sacrificial gifts of common Baptists who believe it all? That is as fundamentally wicked as murder. Yes sir!

Do you see that communists and modernists are of the same stripe? They are wicked, rebellious sinners, against God and against Christ, against the Bible and against Bible morality and Bible doctrine and Bible truth. They are triplets—communism, socialism, modernism.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN IT MUST BE CHRIST AND THE WHOLE BIBLE OR NOTHING

Now a final word. We need to say, "It is the Bible and Christ, or nothing." Somebody may say, "It is the Baptist denomination or nothing." But you are wrong, brother, sister. One will soon go into modernism unless he believes it is Christ and the Bible, come Hell or high water. Christ and the Bible—wherever He leads, whatever it teaches!

Somebody wrote about me, "Brother John Rice used to be such a sound Baptist, but now he is for so-and-so." Sound Baptist? Maybe so, maybe not. But I've always been for Christ and the Bible, the blood atonement, the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection, Heaven and Hell. If God said it, it is so. I dare you to find any time I have ever wavered on any of that.

You say, "But my friends." Friendship isn't first. It is Christ and the Bible first. You say, "It is the program." Not the program first! Christ and the Bible. "But I'll lose friends." Well, lose them.

America is doomed unless we say, "Friendship or no friendship; democratic party or no party; whether the people lead or don't lead; whether it pays or doesn't pay; whether I get cheaper electricity or not." We had better get back to the American way of life, private ownership of property, paying honest debts, receiving what we deserve, paying what we owe. That is the American way.

And in Christianity it is back to Jesus Christ, the blood, the infallible Bible, and "I will follow it if I lose every friend in the world, and break with everybody." I would rather shake hands and call "brother" any Catholic priest who loves Jesus Christ and believes the Bible than to shake hands with a Baptist who does not believe the Bible!

There is just one safe place and that is saying, "By God's grace I am going to stick right here with the Word."

Closing Prayer:

O God, tonight, do put some iron in the backbones of preachers. O God, put some holy conviction in the hearts of Christians. Help people to say, I will not, God helping me, not with a dime of money, not even with an encouraging word, I will not back up infidelity and modernism, the enemies of Jesus Christ. Help us to say, O God, if Jesus says die for Me, I'll die; if He says lose friends, I'll lose them, but I'll stay true to Christ and the Bible. Help us in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Torrey's Teaching on Holy Spirit

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erals paid Dr. Torrey an unwilling tribute.

One of the three best books that I selected is: *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*. This volume contains twenty-two chapters, copyrighted in 1910 by R. A. Torrey, and published by the Fleming H. Revell Company. The table of contents reveals such great chapters as "The Personal-

ity of the Holy Spirit," "The Deity of the Holy Spirit," but especially outstanding is the fifth chapter, "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit as Revealed in His Names." In this chapter Torrey analyzes at least twenty-five names of the Holy Spirit and shows the deep significance of them to the work and person of this third Person of the Trinity.

Torrey, Like Moody, Spurgeon, Finney, and Scofield, Spoke of "Baptism of the Holy Spirit"

There is, however, one chapter to which some Bible scholars have in recent years made exceptions,

and that is the chapter on "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit." There is a grave danger among some orthodox theologians that all of Dr. Torrey's great writings may be discredited because of the position he holds in regard to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. It seems to me that this is largely due to misunderstanding. Surely no one who listened to Dr. Torrey in the classroom, or heard him expound the subject of the Holy Spirit from the pulpit could accuse him of being even remotely related to the Pentecostal movement of the present time. I know that Dr. Torrey had spiritual power that I have often wished I had, and that is certainly needed in the Gospel

ministry today, call it what you will.

As we look at Torrey's teaching on this important doctrine of the endowment of the Holy Spirit, let us call your attention to several facts.

First, Christian leaders, preachers and Bible scholars have been almost unanimous, until the last few decades, in using the expression, "baptized with the Holy Spirit," as meaning special endowment of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. D. L. Moody spoke of "the baptism of the Holy Spirit for service." C. I. Scofield used the term, when at the funeral of D. L. Moody he gave as one of the secrets of Dwight L. Moody's power, "he was baptized with the Holy Spirit, and he knew it." Charles G. Finney, in his chapter on his "Conversion to Christ" says, "I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost." Spurgeon spoke of the baptism of the Holy Spirit when he meant the endowment of power from God. Thus Torrey's use of this expression was an accepted term of his day by sound Bible teachers.

Torrey's Teaching Was Clear-cut Bible Doctrine, Not Pentecostalism

Second, let us examine this chapter on "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit" more closely. Dr. Torrey states that "the baptism with the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from and additional to His regenerating work." He then goes on to define this statement, saying: "In regeneration, there is the impartation of life by the Spirit's power, and the one who receives it is saved: in the baptism with the Holy Spirit, there is impartation of power, and the one who receives it is fitted for service. The baptism with the Holy Spirit, however, may take place at the moment of regeneration. It did, for example, in the household of Cornelius."

Dr. Torrey then goes on to explain why he holds the position of a separate experience of the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit from the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Referring to the experience of Cornelius and his household being regenerated and baptized with the Holy Spirit as taking place at the same time: "It would seem as if in normal conditions of the church, this would be the usual experience. But the church is not in a normal condition today. A very large part of the church is in the place where the believers in Samaria were before Peter and John came down, and where the disciples in Ephesus were before Paul came and told them of the larger privilege of being baptized with the Holy Spirit."

R. A. Torrey again definitely parts company with the tongues movement when he says: "The

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baptism with the Holy Spirit is always connected with, and primarily for the purpose of testimony and service . . . The baptism with the Holy Spirit is not primarily intended to make believers happy, but to make them useful . . . it is intended primarily for his efficiency in service." Surely every sound Bible teacher must give his hearty assent to such teaching!

Even Torrey's Language Is Scriptural, Though Unpopular Now

Third, we note that Dr. Torrey uses scriptural language in this chapter, as always in his writings. The word "baptize" is used at least six times in relation to the gift of the Holy Spirit: Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:4; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5 and 11:16. In each case it is used of a future event yet to occur. The most reasonable time to assume that this event occurred is at Pentecost. And yet when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the believers on the day of Pentecost, we find that the record says: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4).

In recording this important event we would expect the Spirit of God to use the word "baptized" instead of "filled," since the prophetic utterances of this great event used the word "baptized." Again in Acts 4:31 we see that the word "filled" is used: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Surely some of those who were filled with the Holy Ghost at this time were among those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These terms seem to be synonymous.

The point I am making is that we cannot be too dogmatic and say that the "baptism" of the Holy Spirit means only the receiving of Him at the time of regeneration, and that all subsequent endowments should be called "fillings." If that is the way we want to define these terms, that is our privilege; only we should allow Dr. Torrey the privilege to define and use these terms as he thinks best. Much of what in recent years has been designated as "the victorious life," "full surrender," "the overcomer" and "the yielded life" is in reality the same thing as what Torrey meant by "the baptism with the Holy Spirit." Surely the conditions are the same. Dr. Torrey teaches both the baptism and fillings with the Holy Spirit when he says: "Even after one has been baptized with the Holy Spirit, no matter how definite that baptism may be, he needs to be filled again and again with the Spirit."

It is my hope and prayer that the life and ministry of this man of God may be a challenge to each of us. In gratitude to God for the ministry of this Holy Spirit-filled teacher, let us examine ourselves to see why we lack the spiritual power so clearly demonstrated in his ministry and life; and pray that the church of the living Son of God may be endued with the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may speak the Word of God with boldness. For it is certain that if the church is to stem the tide of the cults, of indifference and lukewarmness, of liberalism and neo-orthodoxy, she must receive anew the Pentecostal power of the Holy Spirit, no matter whether by "the baptism with the Holy Spirit," or, "the filling of the Holy Spirit."

Searching the Scriptures

Psalm 139

David Rejoices in the Goodness of God

Clues Across

- 1 "_____ great is the sum of them!"
- 2, 18 "How _____ are thy thoughts unto me, O God!"
- 7 "thou canst not make one _____ white or black" Matt. 5
- 8 "but the night shineth _____ the day"
- 10 belonging to brother of Abram (Gen. 11:26)
- 12 "There shall no evil _____ thee" Ps. 91
- 15 "The steps of a good man are _____ by the Lord" Ps. 37
- 17 initials of three of King David's children: his daughter (II Sam. 13:1) her brother a half brother who fell in love with her
- 18 see 2 across
- 19 "marvellous _____ thy works"
- 20 "Whither shall I go from _____ spirit?"
- 22 "My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a _____" Matt. 21
- 23 "depart from me therefore, ye bloody _____"
- 25 kingdom in southeast Asia, of which Bangkok is the capital
- 28 "try me, and know my _____"
- 31 "it is high, I cannot attain _____ it"
- 32 "he will not have sodden flesh of thee but _____" I Sam. 2
- 33 husband of Tamar (Gen. 38:6)
- 34 "the lifting up of my hands as the sacrifice" Ps. 141
- 37 "I and the _____ will go yonder and worship, and come again" Gen. 22
- 39 "This is a _____ place, and the time is now past" Matt. 14
- 40 name Benjamin's mother gave him (Gen. 35:18)
- 41 "see if there _____ any wicked way in me"
- 43 "Sing us _____ of the songs of Zion" Ps. 137
- 44 "Thou hast beset _____ behind and before"
- 45 "Search me, O _____, and know my heart"
- 46 king of the Amalekites (I Sam. 15:32)

Clues Down

- 1 "Even there shall thy _____ lead me"
- 2 "I will _____ all their iniquities" Jer. 33
- 3 "am not I grieved with those that _____ up against thee?"
- 4 slain by God for his wickedness (Gen. 38:7)
- 5 "Peter followed him afar _____" Matt. 26
- 6 son of Arphaxad (Gen. 10:24)
- 7 "He delighteth not in the strength of the _____" Ps. 147
- 9 "Surely thou wilt _____ the wicked, O God"
- 11 "Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall _____ me"
- 12 belonging to descendant of Ephraim (I Chron. 7:20)
- 13 "he will make her wilderness like _____, and her desert like the garden" Isa. 51
- 14 "it is high, I cannot _____ unto it"
- 16 son of Hezron (Ruth 4:19)
- 21 "I hate them with perfect _____"
- 24 "That _____ to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments" Amos 6
- 25 a woman who ministered to Christ with her substance (Luke 8:3)
- 26 "I _____ no pleasant bread" Dan. 10
- 27 "If I take the wings of the _____, and dwell in the uttermost parts"
- 29 "I will sing praises unto my God while I _____ any being" Ps. 146
- 30 modern term for "oweth"
- 35 mountain where Moses died (Deut. 34:1)
- 36 anger
- 37 constellation of stars
- 38 man who caused the deaths of all the priests except Abiathar (I Sam. 22:22)
- 42 "_____ day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart" Ps. 95

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What happens to a backslider?
Is a backslider saved or lost?
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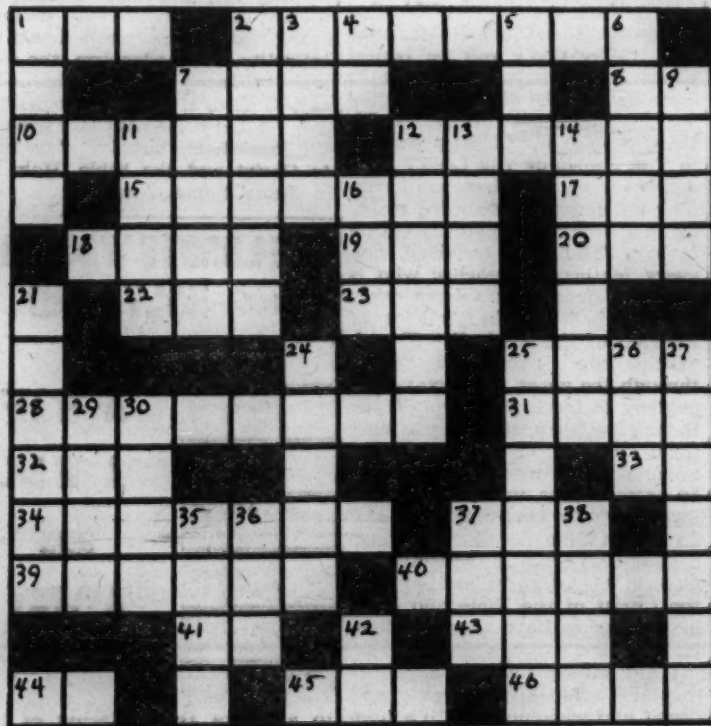
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The Death of Christ

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gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8, 9).

The reason for this stern denunciation of false preachers will become apparent when it is seen that apart from the death of Christ for our sins, salvation is impossible. Most clearly and fully is it taught in the Sacred Scriptures that He endured the penalty of sin on the cross; and never until the sinner accepts this as true, trusting in Him as the only Saviour, does he pass out of death into life. "When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man [or rather, the good man] some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us [He places it in a striking point of view], in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:6-8). If dying for a righteous man and "the good one," as Rotherham renders it, means, as it obviously does, dying in their place, in their room, in their stead, so as to keep them from dying, it is equally obvious that the death of Christ was in the place, in the room, in the stead of the ungodly and sinners, to keep those who believe on Him

from eternal death.

It is further said, He "gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father" (Gal. 1:4). Professor Smeaton well remarks, "The expression means that He gave Himself on account of sin; that His death stood in the same relation to sin as death uniformly does,—that is, that death was in His case, too, the wages of sin.

"And the consequence is as follows: If the Lord died for our sins, they whom He represented are not required to die for their own sins. If, in the moral government of God, our sins were the cause of Christ's death, there can be no second exaction of the penal consequences from us personally." Of course, it was only as our substitute He could pay the wages of sin, declared to be "death" (Rom. 6:23), for it is everywhere affirmed of Him that He "knew no sin" (II Cor. 5:21), that He was "without sin" (Heb. 4:15), that He "did no sin" (I Pet. 2:22), that "in him is no sin" (I John 3:5). But it is the testimony of God's Word from first to last, in type, in prophecy, in psalm, in narrative, in plain doctrinal teaching, that the sinless One took our place and endured the punishment of sin in our stead, leaving the happy believer to sing—

Complete atonement Thou hast made,
And to the utmost farthing paid,
Whate'er Thy people owed;
How, then, can wrath on me take place,
Now standing in God's righteousness,
And sprinkled by the blood?

Since Thou hast my discharge procured,
And freely in my place endured
The whole of wrath divine,
Payment God will not twice demand,
First at my bleeding Surety's hand,
And then again at mine.

"Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin [apart from sin], unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24). "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Peter 3:18). If the mind and heart are subject to the authority of the Bible, but one conclusion can be drawn from such passages as these. It is that the sufferings of Christ were vicarious, or borne as our substitute, and that His death was atoning or sacrificial in its character.

Nor must the dignity of His person be forgotten in seeking to give to this great fact its proper value. "God, who at sundry times

and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days prophesied unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:1-3).

We are not surprised, therefore, to find that when "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21), they were constant witnesses of Him, "who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation [emptied Himself], and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil 2:6-8). These men uttered their messages in little groups, or at intervals through a period of about sixteen hundred years, but there is the most perfect agreement in their testimony concerning the coming, the character, and the work of a divine Deliverer as there is concerning the unity of the Godhead, although surrounded all the time by the polytheism of heathen nations, and nearly all the time by the base idolatry of their own countrymen.

From the day the seed of the woman was mentioned in the Garden of Eden, redemption through His blood was announced with an unvarying uniformity, not less remarkable than it is conclusive of the superhuman origin of the Sacred Scriptures. It is seen in the first recorded act of worship, when the bloody offering of Abel was "a more excellent sacrifice" than the fragrant flowers and fruits of Cain, being presented "by faith," and "God testifying of his gifts," not of his person (Gen. 4:4, 5; Heb. 11:4). It is seen in the blood of the burnt-offerings that stained the altar after the deluge, and that stayed the curse from smiting the ground any more for man's sake (Gen. 8:21).

It is seen in the ransom of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage through the sprinkled blood of a lamb without blemish, God saying to His people, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt" (Exod. 12:13). He did not say, when I see the blood and something else, the blood and your feelings, the blood and your repentance, the blood and your sincere efforts, the blood and your good works; nor did He say, when you see the blood, but when I see the blood; for the blood alone in its perfect efficacy stood between them and destruction; and the timid mother and little child were as safe, sheltered behind the blood, as were Moses and Aaron.

There was not a Jewish festival, nor the beginning of a month, nor a sabbath, nor a morning, nor an evening, nor a burnt-offering, nor a peace-offering, nor a sin-offering, nor a trespass-offering, that did not remind Jehovah's redeemed nation of the absolute necessity of blood as the only way of access into His presence, and of acceptance in His sight.

Especially was this essential truth deeply impressed upon their attention on the great day of atonement. Blood was taken by the high priest into the most holy place, and sprinkled upon the mercy-seat eastward, and seven times before the mercy-seat, and then coming forth, he laid both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confessed over him "all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat" (Lev. 16:21, 22), so that they were borne entirely away. This significant ceremony is followed in the next chapter by the central truth of revelation, "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11).

No wonder the Psalmist exclaimed, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts;" for the blood which everywhere met his eye showed that sin was put away.

It would be easy to multiply quotations from various books of

the Old Testament, but this would be needless after reading the testimony of the evangelical prophet concerning the suffering Messiah.

"He was wounded [margin, tormented] for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes [margin, bruise] we are healed. All we, like sheep, have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all . . . For the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, [margin, deaths]; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days; and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities;" or as the last verse may be a little more strictly rendered, "By the knowledge of Himself shall One that is righteous, my servant bring righteousness unto many: and their iniquities He shall bear."—Isa. 53:5-11.

His introduction to the expectant multitude by John the Baptist on the banks of the Jordan was in strict harmony with all that had been revealed about Him by the prophets: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away [margin, beareth] the sin of the world" (John 1:29); not of the Jew only but also of the Gentile. It will be admitted by all that He knew the design of His mission, the purpose of His death, and we hear Him saying just before He went to the cross, "This is my blood of the new testament [or covenant] which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). The opinions of men with regard to that singular death are of little consequence, when He Himself declares it was intended to secure the remission of sins through His blood.

So the Holy Ghost declares He purchased the church "with his own blood" (Acts 20:28); "whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood" (Rom. 3:25); "being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9); "in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7); "now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13); "having made peace through the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20); "neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption" (Heb. 9:12); "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22); "having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Heb. 10:19); "the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:24); "ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18, 19); "God is light, . . . and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:5-7); "this is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ, not by water only, but by water and blood" (I John 5:6); "unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

Surely those who are in Heaven know how they got there, and through the opened door which John saw there floats down to us the echo of the song, "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by the blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9). There is no voice in the Glory that does not join in that song, and although redemption by blood has been stigmatized with profane and impious jest as "the theology of the shambles," it will be found that the rejected cross of Christ is the heaviest burden the lost soul shall carry in Hell forever. Of all who escape the clutches of the Devil, never a more dangerous Devil than when transformed into an angel of light, it will be said, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 12:11).

(From *From Death Unto Life* by James H. Brookes, published by Moody Press.)

Ready to Go

When many of the passengers on a boat in Lake Michigan were very upset because of the danger of a raging storm, D. L. Moody seemed quiet and calm. When he was asked how he could be that way, he replied, "I have a sister in Chicago and one in Heaven; I don't care which I see first."

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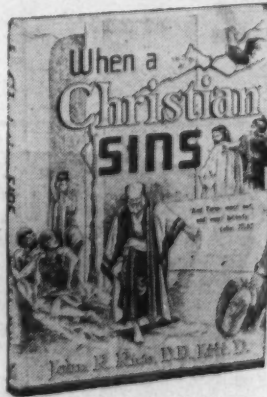
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